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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary  
Department of Telecommunications and Energy  
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Boston, MA 02110

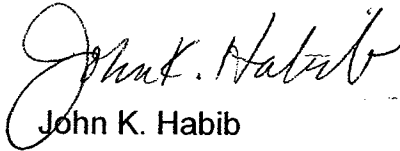
RE: Investigation Regarding the Assignment of Interstate Pipeline Capacity  
Pursuant to D.T.E. 98-32-B, D.T.E. 04-1

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

On behalf of New England Gas Company, please find attached responses to Information Requests DTE-4-1 and DTE 4-2 in the above-referenced proceeding.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this correspondence.

Very truly yours,

  
John K. Habib

Enclosures

cc: Service List  
Peter Czekanski

Information Request DTE-4-1

For the time period 2001 through 2004, please provide peak and off-peak variances between forecasted and actual usage for non-daily metered customers.

Response

For New England Gas Company's Fall River Service Area, the November 2001 through April 2004 time period, the peak and off-peak variances between forecasted and actual usage for non-daily metered customers are as follows:

<b>Peak</b>	Usage	ATV	Variance	
11/01 - 4/02	1,356,312	1,497,956	9%	(1)
11/02 - 4/03	2,774,618	2,930,324	5%	(2)
11/03 - 4/04	3,074,617	3,145,995	2%	(4)
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,205,547</b>	<b>7,574,275</b>	<b>5%</b>	

<b>Off peak</b>	Usage	ATV	Variance	
5/02 - 10/02	796,782	898,302	11%	(1)
5/03 - 10/03	600,184	790,994	24%	(3)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,396,966</b>	<b>1,689,296</b>	<b>17%</b>	

- Notes:
- (1) First true-up, prior to implementation of correction factors
  - (2) After implementation of correction factors
  - (3) First true-up after conversion to new billing system – problem with estimated reads
  - (4) Refined process to ensure true-up was based on actual reads - no estimates were included

Information Request DTE-4-2

Please provide variances between forecasted and actual usage for non-daily metered customers for the following time periods: May 2001 – April 2004; November 2001 – April 2004; May 2002 – April 2004; November 2002 – April 2004; May 2003 – April 2004; November 2003 – April 2004.

Response

The readily available information for New England Gas Company's Fall River Service Area is as follows:

	Usage	ATV	Variance
11/01 - 4/04	8,602,513	9,263,571	7%
5/02 - 4/04	7,246,201	7,765,615	7%
11/02 - 4/04	6,449,419	6,867,313	6%
5/03 - 4/04	3,674,801	3,936,989	7%
11/03 - 4/04	3,074,617	3,145,995	2%

Please also see the Company's response to information request DTE 4-1.